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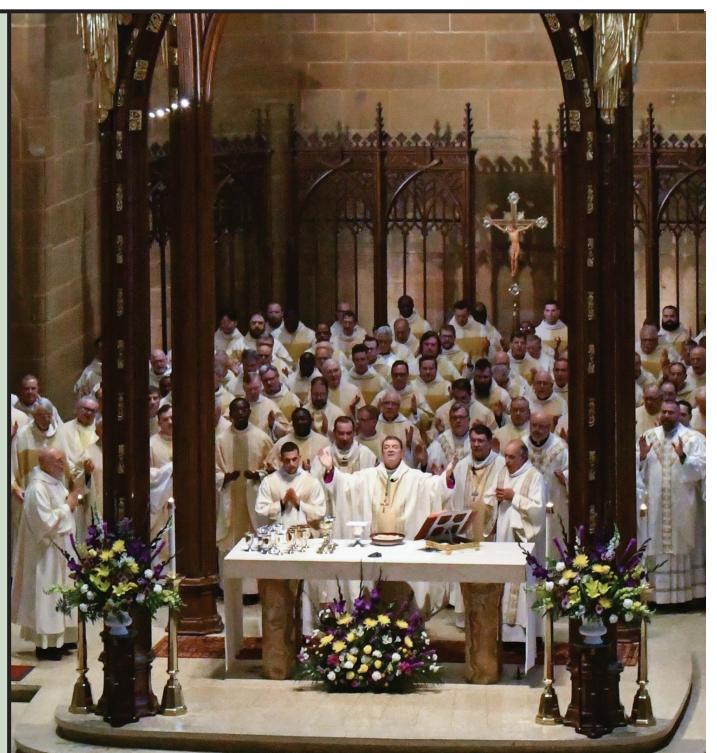
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BISHOP BRENNAN INSTALLED AS 12TH BISHOP OF COLUMBUS

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Editor's reflections by Doug Bean

New bishop eager to see, be seen

Not often do the faithful in the Diocese of Columbus get to witness a historic occasion at St.

Joseph Cathedral that has the magnitude of a bishop's installation.

For only the 12th time in the 151 years since the diocese was established in 1869, a new spiritual leader took the seat, or *cathedra*, that's reserved for the bishop in the cathedral on Friday, March 29.

Bishop Robert Brennan's installation Mass was a grand occasion that included Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York; Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati; Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the apostolic nuncio to the United States; bishops from other dioceses; leaders from other faiths; dignitaries; priests, deacons and religious; and parish representatives from throughout the 23-county diocese.

The Diocese of Columbus experiences such a moment, on average, every 12.5 years. That's somewhat skewed by Bishop James J. Hartley's 40 years of service in the diocese, from 1904 to 1944.

More recently, the diocese has welcomed only three bishops – James A. Griffin, Frederick F. Campbell and Bishop Brennan – in the past 36 years, which is close to the historical average here.

Of historical note, Bishop Brennan is the third Columbus bishop to be born and raised in New York state. Cardinal John Carberry was born

Front Page photo: BISHOP INSTALLED Bishop Robert Brennan, with the priests of the Diocese of Columbus behind him, prays the Lord's Prayer at his installation Mass on Friday, March 29 at St. Jo-

CT photo by Ken Snow

seph Cathedral.

ten do in Brooklyn, Bishop Brennan in

the Bronx and Bishop Campbell in upstate Elmira.

Years before coming to Columbus, Carberry served as a professor at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, New York, which Bishop Brennan attended 50 years later.

Also of historical significance, Bishop Brennan's installation was the first in the diocese to be televised live to a worldwide audience. The Eternal World Television Network broadcast the Mass, as did the Catholic Faith Network from Bishop Brennan's home diocese of Rockville Centre, New York.

Also for the first time in history, an event was live-streamed on the Diocese of Columbus website and various social media platforms. In addition to the installation, Solemn Vespers on Thursday, March 28 was streamed and available via computer and mobile devices, giving the public a window to witness another historic event that otherwise would have been seen only by invited guests.

Bishop Brennan hit the ground running after his installation.

The next morning, Saturday, March 30, he made the one-hour trip to Zanesville for his first confirmation in the diocese at St. Nicholas Church. On Sunday, March 31, he was up early for an 8 a.m. Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr Church and then off to Columbus St. Dominic Church for his second confirmation in as many days. On Monday, April 1, he made the short

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Spread Jesus' love, Bishop Brennan tells congregation at Vespers

By Doug Bean Catholic Times Editor

Before the Vespers service began on Thursday evening, March 28 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, Bishop Robert Brennan offered a glimpse of his highly personal style when he strolled down the center aisle waving to family and friends and greeting people in the pews.

At one point while walking to the back of the cathedral to take his place with the other assembled bishops, he paused when he reached a young couple – Joseph and Olivia Olachea of Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, and their 3-month-old son, Ezra.

"He blessed him," Olivia said after the brief encounter with the new Columbus bishop. "It was really special."

That encounter was a prelude to a special two-day period for Bishop Brennan, who officially became the 12th bishop to lead the Diocese of Co-lumbus on Friday, March 29 during an installation Mass.

Bishop Brennan was joined by other bishops, priests, deacons, religious sisters and laypeople from throughout the diocese for Solemn Vespers on the eve of his installation. Among the prelates in attendance were Bishop Frederick Campbell, who opened and closed the service with a greeting and final blessing in one of his last official acts as the diocese's bishop; Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the apostolic nuncio to the United States; Bishop John Barres from Bishop Brennan's home diocese of Rockville Centre, New York; Cleveland Bishop Nelson Perez, a former colleague of Bishop Brennan's; and retired Columbus Bishop James Griffin.

Reflecting on Bishop Brennan's desire to reach out to the faithful from all backgrounds in a diverse church, the Vespers program interspersed selections from ethnic choirs with traditional music and evening prayers, hymns, psalms, antiphons and canticles led by the St. Joseph Cathedral Choir, directed by Dr. Richard Fitzgerald and accompanied by principal organist Nicole Simental.

The Columbus Catholic Mass Choir, directed by Vernon Hairston and made up of African American singers from Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John and St. Dominic churches, began with *Order My Steps*, a gospel hymn reflective of the Lenten season, before the processional, and later returned to sing a choral anthem, *Healing*, following a reading from James 4:7-8,10 by Columbus Bishop Watterson High School student Audrey Dala and preceding Bishop Brennan's homily.

"First of all, it was an honor to be a part of his service and it was flattering to be here," Hairston said. "This speaks volumes that he invited us to be a part of this. Just to have all of the diversity with us, and the Spanish choir as well, I'm so appreciative of that. I'm very excited. Everyone was happy and excited and looked forward to this."

After Bishop Brennan's homily, the Latino Choir of the Diocese of Columbus sang *Cancion del Misionero* (Song of the Missionary) in Spanish, accompanied by guitars. The group, which was put together for the Vespers service, included parishioners from Columbus Christ the King, St. Stephen the Martyr and St. Peter churches.

"It shows the new bishop is open to diversity in the Church," said Saul Buitron, who leads the Spanish choir at Christ the King. "He even spoke in Spanish. It's awesome."

Bishop Brennan intermingled Spanish with his native English during his first homily from the cathedral ambo. He took the initiative to learn Spanish as a priest in his New York diocese to help him communicate with a growing Latino population. His message was "Jesus walks with us (*Jesus camina con nosotros*)."

He began his homily by saying, "Thank you all, thank you so much for being here tonight. Thank you all for coming from great distances. Thank you gathering for the Church

Bishop Brennan honors faith heritage at installation United States, read the letter written motto, I went right to the words 'Thy you imagine the fortitude it the

By Tim Puet

Catholic Times Reporter

In his installation homily, Columbus Bishop Robert J. Brennan paid tribute to his family's history of faith and urged the people of his new diocese to appreciate their own faith heritage and give it to future generations through everyday sacrifice and concern for others.

"My grandfathers handed on a priceless legacy of faith, hope and love that was passed on to us by my parents," Bishop Brennan said at his installation Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Friday, March 29. "These are the great treasures, aren't they? Here for us in the Diocese of Columbus, we too are the heirs ... to a wonderful legacy of faith.

"We stand on the shoulders of the people who built this up for us. And now it's our turn. It's our turn as the new generation. The faith they handed on to us – faith, hope, and love – these aren't museum pieces to be admired and watched, but a living encounter with the risen Jesus Christ."

About 800 people, including 35 other bishops, filled the cathedral for the one-hour, 50-minute ceremony, at which Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Vatican's apostolic nuncio to the Jan. 31 by Pope Francis appointing Bishop Brennan as the 12th bishop of Columbus. He had been auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, for nearly seven years.

He succeeds Bishop Frederick Campbell, who had been the spiritual leader of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus since January 2005 and will continue to live in the Columbus area. Bishop Campbell had been apostolic administrator of the diocese since Jan. 31, when the pope accepted his letter of resignation, written last Aug. 5 when he became 75 years old, the mandatory retirement age for a bishop. Bishop Brennan received his new appointment at the same time.

The motto on Bishop Brennan's episcopal coat of arms is "Thy Will Be Done." He said at the beginning of his homily that those words are inscribed on his paternal grandfather's grave. Another phrase from the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Kingdom Come," is the inscription on his maternal grandfather's grave. The two men are buried in cemeteries a short distance apart on Long Island, where Bishop Brennan, 56, has lived all of his life until now.

Bishop Brennan said one of his grandfathers died before he was born



Bishop Robert Brennan knocks on the door of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral with a mallet at the beginning of the ceremony in which he was installed as the 12th bishop of Columbus. The knock was answered by Father Michael Lumpe, the cathedral's rector, and Archbishops Christophe Pierre and Dennis Schnurr.

and the other died just before he turned four years old, so his grandmothers played an important role in raising him. Both women worked in New York City, visiting his family and tending to respective their husbands' graves on weekends.

"From a very, very young age, I would see those words (from the Prayer) Lord's etched in stone therefore and eventually etched in my own head, carved in my own heart. So years later, when I was asked to choose a Will Be Done.' Made sense," Bishop Brennan said.

He said that when he was appointed an auxiliary bishop, his nieces and nephews had some other ideas for a motto. One was "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." Another was ""You are all fishers of men."

He said one nephew suggested

you imagine the fortitude it takes to pray those words when life is tough when it's painful?"

"The great mystery we celebrate today is that God comes to reveal that will," he said. "God doesn't have us out there guessing, trying to figure out or stumble in the darkness. But God comes to reveal that will." He quoted Jesus' words in the day's Gospel – "Thou shall love the Lord your



Bishop Robert Brennan displays the papal document appointing him as the 12th bishop of Columbus at his installation ceremony. The document was read by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, papal nuncio to the United States. It usually is then shown to priests on the altar, but Bishop Brennan surprised the crowd by walking around St. Joseph Cathedral with it and holding it out for all in the congregation to see. CT photos by Ken Snow

"You've got a friend in me" from the movie Toy Story. Another suggestion was what he described as "the fan favorite: 'A rosary a day will keep Lucifer away.""

Bishop Brennan described the lives of his grandfathers - one a coal miner and the other a trainman in the New York subways - and said, "Both of them never sought to make their lives better. They did all these things to make a better life for their children and their grandchildren - for us."

He said that the words "Thy Will Be Done," along with a scene of Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, were on a prayer card that his paternal grandfather carried with him throughout his life, and that those four words made a great difference to his grandfather in his final illness.

In choosing that motto, Bishop Brennan said he felt that his grandfather was "teaching me from eternity. 'Thy will be done, thy Kingdom come' - easy words to say, but can God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your strength, with everything you have. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself" - itself a quote from the Old Testament. "There we have it, the will of God," he said.

"It seems kind of logical and clear, but let's be honest, how often do we complicate the matter?" Bishop Brennan asked. "Pray these words. Let them be an examination of conscience. Let them enter deep into your heart and to your soul. ... In the end, is my life really about God and others, or is it all about me?

"You see, your sacrifices, your acts of generosity, your concern for one another, the sacrifices of your life as priests and deacons and people of God, religious – your sacrifice means something," he said. "They make a difference, They're seen, appreciated and loved by God. You do, as Mother Teresa would say, little things with

Lenten series: Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP

A long period transpires between the scene in last week's reflection – the finding of Jesus in the Temple – and this week's. Suddenly, we find ourselves in Holy Week. Scripture does not mention Mary's presence along the Way of the Cross, but the traditional Stations of the Cross commemorate the encounter between Jesus and his mother as the fourth station.

Here is what St. Matthew tells us about the Way of the Cross and the events preceding it (27:27-32): "Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him. As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross."

For me, the encounter between Mary and Jesus on the Way of the Cross is all about Mary's compassion, which means, literally, to suffer with. It is also about her sheer grit and unwavering courage. Jesus knew that his mother loved him and that she had followed him to Jerusalem. He didn't need Mary to accompany him all the way to Golgotha; after all, she couldn't change the course of events. Mary could have stayed out of view, in a safe place, praying and grieving for her son. But that wasn't Mary's way. She was going to follow him to the end.

In Mary, there were two seemingly contradictory agonies – on the one hand, the longing to save her son from his unbearable suffering; and on the other, the desire to help him finish the work that the Father had given him to do. We know which one prevailed. Mary willed herself to follow Jesus all the way to Golgotha so that she could give him to the world on the cross, just as she had given him to the world in the stable.

Mary's human, maternal love remained conformed to the will of God. Her personal agony did not paralyze her soul because there was nothing selfish about it. Just as she accompanied Jesus and suffered with him, she stands close by those who suffer in every place and every time.

The Synod Fathers recognized that young people suffer and need accompaniment. "The young, like everyone else, also carry wounds," they wrote. "There are the wounds of the defeats they have suffered, frustrated desires, experiences of discrimination and injustice, of not feeling loved or recognized. There are physical and psychological wounds. Christ, who consented to endure his passion and death, comes close, through his cross, to all suffering young people. ... Today more than ever, to be reconciled with one's wounds is a necessary condition for a good life. The Church is called to support all the young in their trials and to promote whatever pastoral action may be needed."

As older, more experienced members of the Church, we can offer young people this support. But what does this look like? A passage from Pope Francis' letter on the joy of the Gospel gives me a lot of inspiration. He said that the believing community should get involved in people's lives, that it should bridge distances and be ready to abase itself, if necessary. He said that believers should touch the suffering flesh of Christ in others. And he said an evangelizing community is supportive, standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be, without any regard for time constraints.

At World Youth Day, Pope Francis reminded us that Jesus' Way of the Cross

Faith in ActionBy Erin CordleLent: We fast so others who
go without may feast



Lent is a time of preparation. As Catholics, our Lenten spiritual pillars are prayer, fasting and almsgiving, which help guide us in daily reflection as we strive to deepen our relationship with God and neigh-

bor, no matter where in the world that neighbor may live. Lent ultimately leads to Easter and the hope of the resurrection. We are called to share that hope with every member of our global human family.

The iconic Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl has been a staple on Catholic families' tables since 1975. Rice Bowl uses Catholic social teaching (CST) to raise awareness about hunger and food insecurity in our own neighborhoods and around the world.

Like CST, CRS Rice Bowl's foundational principle is the life and dignity of the human person. We are all made in God's image and likeness. This means that every human person has a special value and purpose. CST challenges us to care for each other so we can be the people God calls us to be.

CST also focuses on the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable. This principle reinforces Jesus' teaching that special care be given to those who are most in need. Jesus showed us time and again that our Christian duty is to listen closely to those who often go unheard and to help those who are the most vulnerable.

This year, the diocesan offices for Social Concerns and Marriage and Family Life have teamed up to provide a threefold Lenten journey for families – ways to grow together through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We encourage families to pray the Family Mission Rosary, fast from distractions that pull your family in separate directions, and give alms that focus on reducing hunger here and around the world. English and Spanish versions of this program may be found at: https://columbuscatholic.org/social-concerns-office under the option "What's New." If your family also likes to pray the Stations of the Cross as a Lenten devotion, the CRS Rice Bowl version may be found at: https://www.crsricebowl.org/stations-of-the-cross.

Your neighbors live across the street, across the nation and across oceans and hemispheres. As millions of God's children flee war, persecution and poverty, Pope Francis, Caritas International, Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services invite you to share their journey by walking with them in prayer and support.

At Easter this year, I will be launching a new diocesan CRS Rice Bowl activity that will use our 25 percent share of local donations to the program to support area soup kitchens and food pantries that usually don't qualify for grant money or civil support. My next column will provide the details. I pray that your Lent be fruitful, and I offer the following prayer:

Holy God, be with us now as we meditate on your Son's journey to Calvary. Remind us that still, in this present day, many of your children continue that walk to Calvary, carrying heavy, difficult crosses. May we be Simon to those whose burdens are too heavy to be borne alone. May we be Veronica to those who need the touch of love and comfort. And may we, struggling with our own crosses, always remember your promises of justice, mercy and peace. Amen.

For more information about CRS Rice Bowl, go to https://www.crsricebowl.org or contact me at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org.

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It's not just about the frozen embryos

I remember a conversation I had with a married Catholic couple a few years ago. They were feeling lost and desperate over their inability to conceive a child. They were casting about for options. They understood there were moral concerns with doing in *vitro* fertilization (IVF), though they weren't sure about the specifics, so they asked, "Would it be OK for us to do IVF as long as we don't make any extra embryos and we're careful to implant all the ones we make?" The thinking behind their question was understandable, and they clearly recognized it would be wrong to produce and then store their embryonic sons and daughters in the deep freeze. It's important to note, however, that the possibility of "spare" embryos ending up in "frozen orphanages" would not be the only reason, or even the main reason, that IVF is morally unacceptable. The immorality of IVF is primarily because the process turns human procreation into a method of production in which children are made, not begotten.

Embryos certainly face grave risks whenever they are cryopreserved, and a significant percentage of them do not survive the steps of freezing and thawing. The cryostorage of embryos is a form of "collateral damage" that routinely occurs when IVF is done. Ethically speaking, doing IVF and making extra embryos would be more offensive than doing IVF without making extra embryos, in the same way that stealing jewels out of the bank vault



MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS Father Tad Pacholczyk

and shooting the guards on the way out would be more objectionable than stealing the jewels nonviolently. Yet the action of absconding with the jewels remains seriously wrong in either case, apart from any considerations about whether the guards are harmed. Similarly, IVF does not become morally acceptable merely by eliminating the collateral damage associated with the process, whether it's the freezing of embryos, the "selective reductions" of twins and triplets, or any of the other objectionable practices that tend to be part of the process.

The heart of the IVF process itself - the practice of joining sperm and egg together in the fertility clinic - remains an intrinsic evil, flowing from the decision to allow our offspring to be "manufactured." The domain of procreation is a delicate arena in which our human vulnerability is uniquely laid bare. We have a particular responsibility to safeguard our own sexuality and the origins of our children from damaging forces in this arena, which implies a duty to respect the marital act as the unique locus and setting for the engendering of new human life.

infertility, given that the couple remains as infertile after doing IVF as they were before they started the process, with the underlying cause of their sterility remaining unaddressed and unresolved. The procedure offers little more than a workaround to completely bypass the marital act - an expensive, complex, unwieldy substitute, not a genuine therapy.

Through IVF, husband and wife use their own (or even another person's) sex cells to become "donors" while constructing their own offspring through a kind of programmed project, with the marital act no longer a part of the equation. In the final analvsis, however, only when the bodies of our children arise as the immediate fruit of our own bodily and spousal self-surrender can we say they have been freely and unconditionally received as gifts, rather than coerced into being as the result of human willfulness, financial planning, and scripted biological technologies. Only then can we say that we have not dominated the process of procreation nor preponderated over the origins of our offspring.

By yielding to the project of fabricating our children in the cold, clinical and commercial venture that is in vitro fertilization, we act against the human dignity of our offspring by sanctioning inequality and setting up a subclass of those who originate in petri dishes and test tubes, rather than in the intimacy of the mutual spousal donation that receives life within the protective maternal hearth.

These various explanations of the wrongness of IVF can seem distant and hard for infertile couples to accept. They yearn intensely for a child. The infertility industry appeals to their desire to be in control in an arena where control has been elusive, and part of the allure is also the carefully choreographed assembling of babies who have been planned, screened and quality-controlled.

It is a tragic step when spouses opt for the production of their own offspring in glassware, because they move forward and violate the deepest meaning of their marital union, rather than holding firmly to the truth that their one-flesh communion is the unique and privileged interpersonal sanctuary in which a new and unrepeatable person appears by a power and a will that is not their own.

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IVF is not really a "treatment" for

Catholic Foundation launches business leaders group

an initiative designed to bring Catholic business leaders together.

Local news and events

Catholic Business Leaders (CBL) will provide a unique Catholic faith and business learning experience, rooted in the dignity of work and the spirit of community philanthropy, for corporate executives and owners of family enterprises.

Catholic Business Leaders will offer a three-part speaker series every year at the Foundation's Columbus offices at 257 E. Broad St. Participants will be able to acquire new insights and perspectives from regional enterprise speakers and national

The Catholic Foundation has begun experts; exchange and discover new perspectives and solutions that impact the workplace and benefit home and family; and network among peers, make new connections, and help build a larger Catholic business community throughout central Ohio.

> The first event in the speaker series will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 16, with a topic of "Navigating Faith and Family Dynamics - At Work, Home, and Across the Generations.'

> Speakers will be Jamie Richardson, vice president for government and shareholder relations at White Castle System, Inc., and Darla King, presi

teriors, Inc. To RSVP for the event, contact Liz Lynch at llynch@catholic-foundation.org or (866) 298-8893.

The series will continue on Thursday, Sept. 12 with a program on "Balancing Your Business and Philanthropy - It's Possible!" Speakers will be John Igel, president of George J. Igel & Co., Inc.; Luconda Dager, president of the Velvet Ice Cream Co., and Marc Hawk, chief executive officer at RevLocal.

The third event in the series is tentatively set for Thursday, Nov. 7 with Robert Walter, founder of Cardinal Health, Inc., speaking on "Leading the Family Business Life Cycle."

catholic-foundation.org/cbl or contact Scott Hartman at shartman@catholic-foundation.org.

Eucharistic miracles exhibit coming to Chillicothe

The Vatican's traveling exhibit of Eucharistic miracles will be displayed at Chillicothe St. Peter Church, 118 Church St., from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 6 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 7.

Bell at consecration?; In Lent, do Sundays count?

I was in a liturgy committee meeting at my parish, and I suggested that we have the altar server ring the bell at the consecration during the Mass on Easter Sunday. (We don't normally use altar bells at our parish.) One of the committee members said that the use of altar bells has been banned by the church since the Second Vatican Council. Is this true? (Owings Mills, Maryland)

The committee member was wrong. The use of altar bells during Mass is neither mandated by the church nor forbidden; it is an option but not an obligation, left to the discretion of the pastor.

Here's what the *General Instruction* of the Roman Missal says: "A little before the consecration, if appropriate, a minister rings a small bell as a signal to the faithful. The minister also rings the small bell at each elevation by the priest, according to local custom" (No. 150).

The ringing of bells during the consecration has a long history in the church, beginning about the 13th century. In those days, churches were large, the priest faced the altar and Mass was offered in Latin; churches often had raised platforms in front of the altar for the choir, the result being that some worshippers could not see the altar. The ringing of bells served to



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draw the attention of the congregation to the fact that the sacred act of transubstantiation was taking place.

After the liturgical reforms of Vatican II – with the priest now facing the people and the language in the vernacular – many parishes decided to discontinue the use of altar bells. Bells do, though, add reverence and solemnity to a celebration. (Note that bells are rung at the *Gloria* during the Easter Vigil Mass to express the joy of the Resurrection.)

Altar bells are commonly used in the basilicas of Rome and, interestingly, in 1972, when asked the question "Is a bell to be rung at Mass?" the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments gave this reply:

"From a long and attentive catechesis and education in liturgy, a particular liturgical assembly may be able to take part in the Mass with such attention and awareness that it has no need of this signal at the central part of the Mass. This may easily be the case, for example, with religious communities or with particular or small groups. The opposite may be presumed in a parish or a public church, where there is a different level of liturgical and religious education and where people who are visitors or are not regular churchgoers take part."

My mother was very religious and she always told us that during Lent, whatever you gave up – ice cream, candy, etc. – you could have on Sundays. Is that true? Do Sundays count as part of Lent? (Green Bay, Wisconsin)

I'll answer your second question first, because that's the easier one: "Do Sundays count as part of Lent?" The clear answer is "Yes." In the liturgical books of the church, the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends just before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday. In the *Roman Missal*, for example, March 10 this year (2019) was designated as the "First Sunday of Lent."

Now for the more complicated part:

If you're fasting on candy for Lent, may you eat it on Sundays? The answer is "It's your own call." Each of us is required in a general way to do penance, but the particular manner is a personal choice. There's no law involved or question of sinfulness – you're just doing something nice for God, in return for the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Now it's true that the church has always viewed Sunday as a day of celebration in remembrance of the Resurrection, a kind of "little Easter," and has never required fasting on Sundays – so I suppose there's some warrant, when you've adopted a Lenten penance, for "taking Sundays off."

But I think it's probably better to continue the practice throughout the whole Lenten season, Sundays included; if I gave up candy for Lent but ate it on each of the six Sundays, that doesn't seem like much of a sacrifice. (Which reminds me that a couple of years ago at a school Mass on Ash Wednesday, I asked the kids what they were giving up for Lent. One little boy raised his hand and said, "Hitting my sister." I hope that he didn't take Sundays off!)

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail. com and 30 Columbia Circle Drive, Albany NY 12203.

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The display includes photos and historical depictions related to 152 Eucharistic miracles that have occurred in various nations, and serves as testimony to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

All the miracles have been recognized by the Vatican as authentic.

By means of this display, people can "virtually visit" the places where these miracles occurred.

For more information, go to www. feastofmercy.net or contact Tim McAndrew at (614) 565-8654 or the church at (740) 774-1407.

ODU senior art exhibition opens April 28

Ohio Dominican University will present its 2019 senior art exhibition from Sunday, April 28 to Friday, June 14 in the Wehrle Gallery at Wehrle Hall, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

An opening reception will take place from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 28.

The exhibit will feature a range of content and media by ODU seniors Alexandra Chester, Linwuch Chhour, Mariah Hartz, Neal Kindig and AJ Wolcoski (all studying graphic design), Bailey Lones (art and public relations and marketing communications), and McKenzie Messer (art education).

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information on this and future exhibits, visit ohiodominican. edu/Wehrle.

Father Trapp to lead pilgrimage to Holy Land

Father Joseph Trapp, pastor of Plain City St. Joseph Church, will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Sunday, Sept. 8 to Wednesday, Sept. 18.

After arrival in Tel Aviv and a night in the resort town of Netanya, the group will stay in Tiberias for three nights and Jerusalem for the rest of the trip.

The group will follow in the footsteps of Jesus and the Apostles throughout the pilgrimage, making stops at Caesarea, Haifa, Mount Carmel, Cana, Nazareth, Mount Tabor, Capernaum, and the sites of the miracle of loaves and fishes and the Sermon on the Mount,

Other stops include the Golan Heights, the place where Jesus was baptized on the Jordan River, the ancient Roman city of Bet Shean, Jericho, the Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, the birthplace of John the Baptist, Bethany, the Dead Sea, and Masada.

Stops in Jerusalem, mixed with oth-

er stops during the last five full days of the pilgrimage, will include all the places along the Way of the Cross – the Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, Golgotha, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and Jesus' tomb.

The pilgrims also will visit the Dome of the Rock, el Aqsa Mosque, the Wailing Wall, the Pool of Bethesda, Mary's birthplace, and the site of Jesus' ascension, among other places. Mass will be celebrated each day.

The cost is \$3,868 per person, double occupancy, with an extra \$756 charge for single occupancy.

The price includes round-trip airfare from Columbus, accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, land transportation and all taxes, transfers, baggage and entrance fees.

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The miraculous image of Our Lady of Good Counsel

I think of the old farmhouse where we started our marriage when I think about Our Lady of Good Counsel and the story that accompanies her image, which miraculously appeared in 1467 in a little church in a small town in Italy. It was an old church, run-down and needing many repairs. It probably wasn't much to look at, and it probably took eyes of love and devotion to see the possibilities within it.

When I married my husband and moved into the farmhouse, I couldn't imagine the state it was in 20 years previously, when it was uninhabitable, but still became the place my husband's family had to live. I thought it was pretty rough when I moved in: no insulation; no heat upstairs; windows that seemed to let in as much air when they were closed as they did when they were open; cracks and peeling plaster on all the walls.

I thought the best answer was to tear the old house down, and that must have been what the parishioners at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Genazzano, Italy, thought, too. One woman, the widow Petruccia de Geneo, saw the possibilities. She felt called to pour all of her money into the restoration and repair of the chapel, though it wasn't enough and the area's other residents mocked her. The church, with its half-finished repairs, was called "Petruccia's folly," and I can just hear the whispers and see the rolled eyes whenever people caught sight of her.

Petruccia, in her devotion, didn't give up. As she often did, she was praying in the church on April 25, 1467, the Feast of St. Mark and a day of high festivity, when at 4 p.m., a cloud descended upon the town until it blocked the destroyed wall of the sanctuary. All of the revelers who had been

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continues today. The following is just an excerpt of a long prayer he offered, and I'll end with this because I think it tells us how we should pray this week:

"Father, today your son's way of the cross continues: it continues in the muffled cry of children kept from being born and of so many others denied the right to a childhood, a family, an education; of children not able to play, sing or dream ... and in the saddened eyes of young people who see their hopes for the future snatched away for lack of education and dignified work;



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in the town square had heard strange, beautiful music as the cloud appeared in the clear sky, and they had followed its descent. Before their eyes, the cloud parted to reveal a painting of Mary holding the Christ Child.

The image was amazing: a fresco on a thin layer of plaster or porcelain not much thicker than paper, measuring 15.5-by-17.5 inches. It was suspended in the air close to the wall of the chapel, resting only on a thin base, and has remained there since, for more than 500 years. It is not mounted in the back. You can take a string and go completely around it.

The image has a history beyond its sudden appearance in Genazzano, however. In Albania, Our Lady of Shkodra (Good Counsel) had been and remains a favorite source of comfort for dark times. One of the many churches dedicated to her held a fresco well-known for its beauty – one that inspired devotion in many of the Albanian people.

When the Ottoman Turks were invading in the 15th century, two men were praying in the chapel of Our Lady of Shkodra when suddenly, the painting began to move away from the wall in a cloud. They followed it all the way to Rome, where it disappeared. When they heard about the miraculous appearance in Genazzano, they testified that it was in fact the same image, and to this day, Albanians call that image "their" Lady of Good Counsel.

It's an image that moves my heart when I look at copies of it in books and online. Mary is holding Jesus, with their cheeks touching. I think of how many times I've rocked my little ones to sleep or cuddled them, with my cheek touching the soft skin of their face, smelling their sweet babyness. Jesus' right arm is around His mother, and His left hand rests on the neckline of her dress. Some interpret this as a symbol of the intimacy of nursing, and that makes me smile. Many of my favorite mothering memories involve nursing my babies, holding them close and bonding in the darkness of night, hearing the creaks of my house around me and the contented baby noises in my arms. What joy must Mary have felt sharing those moments with her baby – and how must she have cherished those sweet memories later, when her Son left her for His public ministry?

Mary is half-turned to her child and half toward the faithful, indicating her double interest, her ongoing concern for all of us, her children. When you look at her from an angle, her face seems almost sad, but from the front, it's more of a smile. Her cheeks seem to change from red to pink and the color of the portrait, as reported by church authorities and centuries of witnesses, changes in various tones throughout the different periods of the year, though it's protected by glass (which doesn't touch it) and from the humidity of the environment.

The mother and child's expressions have been reported to change. I wonder, when I hear this, if they smile at the touch of their cheeks, sharing a secret we can only hope to understand some day, when we meet them in Heaven. I wonder if they mourn the travesties of the modern world, the devastation they've seen over the years.

We're surrounded by miracles in our everyday life, by things that are unexplainable. How is it that a house built 100-plus years ago by men who just needed a place to settle is still standing, despite weather and corrosion? How is it that a fragile painting arrived in a dilapidated church in the middle of nowhere and has remained, defying gravity, for more than 500 years?

In the end, it's not my house or that miraculous image that's important. My house was just a structure, one that might seem appealing to some and old-fashioned to others.

The image of Our Lady of Good Counsel is, really, a road sign, showing us a glimpse of the love that is simply waiting for us to say "Yes." What made my house important was what was inside – the family that breathed life into it and made it a destination for memories. It was a great grace to see past the peeling plaster to the possibility beyond – one that I think the widow Petruccia would explain with a smile. Isn't that just what Jesus does with each of us, inviting us to embrace His mother as He did, to make our heart a home by inviting love into it?

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"It continues in the anguish of young faces, our friends, who fall into the snares of unscrupulous people – including people who claim to be serving you, Lord. ... Your son's Way of the Cross continues in those young people with downcast faces who have lost the ability to dream, create and shape their future, and have already chosen to 'retire' in glum resignation or complacency, one of the narcotics most consumed in our time.

"Your son's passion continues in the despairing solitude of the elderly,

whom we have discarded and abandoned.... It is prolonged in a society that has lost the ability to weep and to be moved by suffering. Yes, Father, Jesus keeps walking, carrying his cross and suffering in all these faces, while an uncaring world is caught up in comfortable cynicism and in the drama of its own frivolity.

"And we, Lord, what are we to do? And we, Father of mercy, do we console and accompany the Lord, helpless and suffering in the poorest and most abandoned of our brothers and sisters? Do we help carry the burden of the cross, like Simon of Cyrene, by being peacemakers, builders of bridges, a leaven of fraternity? Do we have the courage to remain, like Mary, at the foot of the cross?"

These are good questions to ask ourselves and to share with young people this week.

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Archbishop Chaput looks to church's future with optimism

By Tim Puet

Catholic Times Reporter

Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM Cap, says that although people have good reason to feel anger toward the Catholic Church and fear for its future, those emotions can be viewed as signs of hope, depending on how the church responds to them.

"If our Christian faith really grounds and organizes our lives, then we have no reason to fear and we have every reason to hope," he said Wednesday, March 27 at the Pontifical College Josephinum. "Hope depends on faith. It can't survive without a foundation of passionate belief in something or someone higher and greater than ourselves. Without faith, 'hope' is just another word for the cheap and cheesy optimism the modern world uses to paper over its own, and our own, brokenness."

The archbishop's expression of hope came as part of the seminary's annual Cardinal Pio Laghi memorial lecture. Cardinal Laghi, who died in 2009, was a former prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education and apostolic nuncio to several nations. Most of the 150 people attending the talk were laypersons, which Archbishop Chaput said surprised him. He said that although his words were meant for seminarians, they applied equally to a lay audience.

He titled the talk "Facing the Future With Hope and Joy," saying, "It sounds better than facing the future with confusion and anxiety – and anger, for that matter, because I'm tempted to feel all three of those things a couple of times a week."

"There are days when everyone in the church seems angry," Archbishop Chaput said. "Laypeople and priests are angry with their bishops for the abuse scandal, which never seems to end. Bishops are angry with priests for their bad example. And many bishops are also frustrated – to put it gently – with Rome for its unwillingness to acknowledge the real nature and scope of the abuse problem.

"Clerical privilege is not the problem. Clericalism may be a factor in the sexual abuse of minors, but no parent I know – and I hear from a lot of them – sees that as the main issue. Not naming the real problem for what it is – a pattern of predatory homosexuality and a failure to weed that out from church life - is an act of self-delusion.

"My own frustration over the past few weeks has been fed by German bishops who seem willing to break what remains of church peace and unity with bad ideas about sexual morality and an impressive array of other issues. But that's a topic for another day," Archbishop Chaput said.

He was referring to remarks on March 14 by Cardinal Reinhard Marx, president of the German bishops' conference, who said the Catholic Church in Germany was at a point where serious debate – including on priestly celibacy and the role of women – and

in her leaders, including in her bishops and popes, many times in the past – many more times than most Catholics realize. The fact that Americans are notoriously bad at history and ignorant of its lessons only compounds the problem.

"And yet, here we are. Twenty centuries after the resurrection of Jesus, the church continues her mission. She survives and continues through the grace of God. But that grace works through people like you and me.

"All of the great Catholic reformers in history had three essential qualities: personal humility; a passion for purifying the church, starting with themselves; and a fidelity to her teaching,



Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM Cap, of Philadelphia delivered a message of hope to an audience of 150 people who attended the annual Cardinal Pio Laghi memorial lecture on Wednesday, March 27 at the Pontifical College Josephinum. CT photo by Tim Puet

openness to doing things in a new way must be encouraged.

The archbishop said the two main points he wanted to make were that "much of the anger in the church today is righteous and healthy" and that "Scripture tells us again and again to fear not."

Concerning anger, he quoted from a talk last month in which Pope Francis said, "In people's justified anger, the church sees the reflection of the wrath of God, betrayed and insulted" by deceitful clergy and religious.

"I don't want to diminish that anger because we need it," he said. "What we do with that anger, though, determines whether it becomes a medicine or a poison. The church has seen corruption, incompetence and cowardice all motivated by unselfish, self-sacrificing love," the archbishop said. "God calls all of us, but especially his priests, not just to renew the face of the earth with his spirit, but to renew the heart of the church with our lives, to make her young and healthful again and again so that she shines with his love for the world. That's our task. That's our calling. That's what a vocation is – a calling from God with our name on it.

"To borrow from St. Augustine, God made us to make the times, not the times to make us. We're the subjects of history, not its objects. And unless we make the times better with the light of Jesus Christ, then the times will make us worse with their darkness." Noting that the first words of St. John Paul II upon becoming pope were "Be not afraid," Archbishop Chaput said, "The temptations to fear, anxiety, depression and fatigue are experiences we all share, especially in hard moments for the church, like today. Fear, like anger, is a good and healthy thing when it's in its proper place, and toxic when it's not.

"So do we really believe in Jesus Christ or not? That's the central question in our lives. Everything turns on the answer."

The archbishop said French Catholic writer Georges Bernanos' description of the nature of hope as "despair overcome" struck him as being "the truest kind of realism and clarity."

"We can hope because we're loved as sons and daughters by a good God who's really present with us and deeply engaged in our lives," Archbishop Chaput said. "Without him, the world is just a sandbox for the wicked and the powerful, and there's never any shortage of either.

"But God is here with us, and because he is, this time of ours, like every other difficult time in history, is a good time to be a Catholic and especially to be a priest, because every priest has the privilege of holding the source of love, the God who made all creation," he said.

"It doesn't matter what problems are happening inside or outside the church. When the Word is proclaimed and the Mass is celebrated, Jesus' way, his truth and his life become available to us. Whatever the flaws of her leaders and her people, the church is God's instrument of our salvation. She's an embassy of holiness in our lives. So it's always good to enter into her precincts."

Archbishop Chaput noted that in 1969, Pope Benedict XVI, who then was theology professor Father Joseph Ratzinger, predicted that the Catholic Church would become smaller and lose much of its influence in the coming years.

"This is now happening, and all of us ... are disoriented by the church's absence from the center of today's Western culture, especially from elite culture," the archbishop said. "We're living in a moment of sifting. Many

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of our people in the lukewarm middle are leaving the pews. In the past, a shared consensus in favor of Christianity protected the church and encouraged people's loyalty.

"That day is gone, and as painful as it feels, it's not entirely a loss. However well intentioned, it fed our complacency, which in turn bred irresponsibility and negligence. The sensationalism of the recent Pennsylvania grand jury report is one ugly record of the result," he said. He was referring to an August 2018 document that showed 301 priests were accused of sexually abusing more than 1,000 children in six Pennsylvania dioceses and were routinely shuffled from parish to parish to avoid scrutiny. The report also said there probably were thousands more victims whose records were lost or who were afraid to come forward.

"Ongoing cultural realignment will shake many of our church institutions," the archbishop said. "They

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of Columbus. Thank you, Archbishop Pierre, for being with us tonight to represent our Holy Father. Please give the Holy Father our sincere appreciation and fondest greetings.

"Thank you, Bishop Campbell, for your kindness in these days. Bishop Griffin, thank you for your kindness. You made me feel welcome. You have built up such a wonderful legacy here in the Diocese of Columbus, am I right?

"I promise you, all of us gathered around you today, we intend to pick up the baton and run with it with great vigor, with great enthusiasm, and will continue to build upon the foundation that you have set before us."

He then referenced the reading from James – "Draw close to God and He will draw close to you" – and illustrated it with a story from Pope Francis' visit to the United States in 2015. He also subtly hinted to Archbishop Pierre that Ohio might be a great place for a future visit from the Holy Father "because if you ever want some good Midwestern hospitality, I know some great people in Columbus."

Bishop Brennan, who was auxiliary bishop in Rockville Centre at the time of the papal visit, described the scene at Madison Square Garden in New York City before and after the pope's were founded in a different era in accord with social and political conditions that no longer exist. But for committed believers, it's an exhilarating time, because we're being pushed back onto the foundations of our faith, the enduring sources of truth and life.

"We still need budgets and we can't escape meetings. The church was instituted by Christ, which means she's an institution, a living body of the faithful ordered toward worship of God and service in the world. But in this time of sifting, a great deal of dead weight is being stripped away. We're being driven closer to the one simple truth from which the church draws her purpose and strength: God incarnate in Christ, the author of our salvation and life eternal."

"Today, we're forced back onto the fundamental teaching that God creates out of nothing, that he acts in history, making an unbreakable covenant, and that he becomes human in order to fulfill his promises of life abundant for his creatures. These are powerful truths that rouse the soul," Archbishop Chaput said. "They make our work enormously exciting because they're a direct challenge to the spirit of the age. To put it another way: The task of proclaiming the Gospel – not as a collection of artful stories and ethical guidance, but as demanding and liberating and true – is a holy provocation."

"This isn't a dark time unless we make it so," Archbishop Chaput said in concluding his talk. "We're simply back again in the night before the resurrection. The night passes and we already know how the story ends. ... This is a moment of privilege and opportunity, not defeat. Reverence for the past is a good thing, but clinging to structures and assumptions that no longer have life is not.

"We've been given the gift of being part of God's work to rebuild – and build better – the witness of his church in the world. So let's pray for each other and thank God for each other, and lift up our hearts to pursue the mission and create the future that God intends."

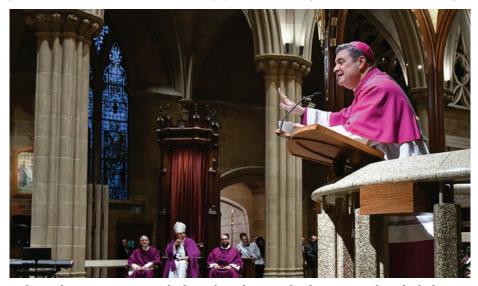
Before formally beginning the talk, Archbishop Chaput expressed his gratitude to Bishop Frederick Campbell for being present two days before the installation of Bishop Robert Brennan, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, as his successor as bishop of the Diocese of Columbus. Bishop Campbell has been serving as apostolic administrator of the diocese since late January, after the Vatican accepted the letter of resignation he submitted last August upon reaching 75, the mandatory retirement age for a bishop.

"Bishop Campbell, it's an honor to have you here. This is a very busy week for you. Next week won't be," the archbishop said. The audience responded to that remark with laughter and a standing ovation.

arrival.

"You can image the whole place is just electric with enthusiasm and joy when to be quiet in prayer.

"That night, the first reading is the reading we hear at the Midnight



Bishop Robert J. Brennan speaks from the pulpit at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral at an evening Vespers service on Thursday, March 28. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell can be seen in the background, seated on the cathedra, the bishop's chair. Bishop Brennan was installed the next day as the 12th bishop of Columbus, succeeding Bishop Campbell, who was spiritual shepherd of the Diocese of Columbus for 14 years. (T photo by Ken Snow

as he rode around the stadium," Bishop Brennan recalled. "As Mass began, this beautiful sense of reverence and prayer fell over this tremendous arena. One of the great things about being Catholic is we know when to have a great time, when to lift our voices, Mass on Christmas from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Upon those who dwell in darkness, a light has shone.' It goes on to say they call him 'wonder-counselor, mighty God, Father forever, Prince of Peace.' Of course, his name is Jesus.

"Imagine so many people are living in tremendous darkness. So many people carry awful responsibilities, burdens, worries or fears. Let's be honest, we all face darkness and fear in our lives, sometimes more than others. Let's be honest and say there are people who live it terribly acutely.

"But you know what the Holy Father told us that night? He said Jesus is walking in our cities. Jesus Christ is walking in our cities. Yes, Jesus, the light in the darkness, he comes to help us, he comes to walk with us. He comes to shoulder our burdens with us, he comes to feed us, to guide us, to show us the ways that are life-giving, full of hope and unity."

Bishop Brennan reiterated that message in Spanish before returning to English.

"And so, friends, Jesus walking with us, what does he ask of us tonight gathered here, the people serving his church in so many beautiful, so many powerful ways? Many of you are collaborators of the gospel here in the diocese, in the Catholic Center (where diocesan offices are located), joining with agencies across the way, in our parishes, serving in countless ways,"

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great love. Indeed, God gives us his will. Love, we know, is effectively willing the true good of the beloved. It means living the truth with joy and charity. It means encouraging and building up. It means standing for the Gospel of Life, the needs of the poor and vulnerable."

Bishop Brennan quoted from St. Paul's familiar words in the First Letter to the Corinthians on love and said, "In the end, our love for God, for others, is only possible because we are deeply loved by God. ... How keenly are we aware that in these days of Lent, God's love never fails. When we believe this, we are moved, we are impelled, we are inspired into mission."

"One chooses a motto not because

is what you're all about and you've achieved it. You choose a motto because you need to be reminded you have a long way to go. And so I take these words of St. Paul to the Philippians as my own: 'It's not that I've already taken hold of it or already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in the hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus.'

"Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession," he said. "Just one thing, forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal – the prize of God's upward calling in Christ Jesus. Together, we look forward and State University's "O-H, I-O" cheer. Archbishop Pierre had said in reading the papal letter that he wasn't sure he had pronounced the state's name correctly. "I can assure you with my New York accent, you had Ohio down just right. But let me tell you how we spell it," Bishop Brennan said, following with the cheer. "I'm learning, I'm learning," he then said.

Before reading the letter, the archbishop referred to the Catholic history of the Diocese of Columbus, where the state's first Mass was said in 1808 in Somerset, about an hour southeast of the diocesan seat.

"This is a special day for you in Columbus, the heirs of the great Dominican missionary Edward Fenwick," who prepared you to being the joy of the Gospel to the people of the diocese as their father and shepherd.

"I ask you to be close to your priests, especially those in need of encouragement," Archbishop Pierre said, noting that as bishop of Columbus, Bishop Brennan automatically becomes vice chancellor of the Pontifical College Josephinum, which is located in Columbus and is the only papal seminary outside of Italy.

"I am sure you will be vigilant in care for the future ministers of the Gospel" who are students at the seminary, the archbishop said. "I am sure you will be extra-vigilant because I am chancellor," a position the nuncio traditionally holds.



Bishop Robert J. Brennan incenses the altar during his installation Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Friday, March 29. Also pictured are Deacon Christopher Yakkel (left), who will be ordained as a priest of the Diocese of Columbus in May, and Deacon Frank lannarino, director of the diocesan Office of the Diaconate. Bishop Brennan had been auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York. CT photos by Ken Snow

one's good at it," Bishop Brennan said. "One's motto doesn't mean this



Bishop Brennan delivers his first homily as bishop from the cathedral pulpit. He began by explaining the significance of his episcopal motto, "Thy Will Be Done," saying it's on his grandfather's tomb. make our way toward the goal."

He concluded the homily by noting that when he visited his great-grandparents' grave in Ireland, he again found the words "Thy Will Be Done."

"It moved me deeply – that powerful legacy of lived faith, hope and love," he said. "It's a legacy that's brought me here to you today in this place and in this moment. My fervent prayer now is that we together, in this beautiful Diocese of Columbus, will etch our own legacy of faith – our embrace of Jesus Christ and him crucified."

Bishop Brennan began the homily the same way he began the news conference on Jan. 31 announcing his appointment – with a reference to Ohio



Pictured at Bishop Robert Brennan's installation ceremony on Friday, March 29 are (from left): Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Vatican's apostolic nuncio to the United States; Bishop Brennan; Deacon Thomas Berg Jr., chancellor of the Diocese of Columbus; Deacon Christopher Yakkel; Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati; Deacon Daniel Hann, master of ceremonies for the installation; and Deacon Frank lannarino.

celebrated that Mass and eventually became the first bishop of what is now the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio's original diocese, the archbishop said.

"By God's grace, you will build on the great legacy of faith in this state and this capital of Ohio," Archbishop Pierre said, addressing Bishop Brennan. "I am told the weather is good here, but if you wait 15 minutes, it will change," he added, drawing a burst of laughter.

"The Columbus metropolitan area is one of the largest in the United States, with a thriving business and financial sector, and has become a melting pot of cultures," the archbishop continued. "Your experience with many cultures and your love of immigrants has "When things are difficult, recall the motto of the state of Ohio – 'With God, all things are possible," Archbishop Pierre said, with the audience joining him in reciting the last four words.

The archbishop then read the pope's letter. After it was read, the letter was presented to the diocesan chancellor and the diocesan College of Consultors, an advisory body of priests. Following that presentation, Bishop Brennan surprised the audience by walking around the cathedral and displaying the document, written in elaborate, calligraphic-style scrollwork, so that all could see it.

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He then was escorted to the *cathedra*, the bishop's chair, by Archbishop Pierre and Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, archbishop for the ecclesiastical province of Ohio, who presented him with a crosier (bishop's staff) dating to the establishment of the Diocese of Columbus in 1868 and used by Bishop Sylvester Rosecrans, the diocese's first bishop. Bishop Brennan officially became the diocese's 12th bishop when he took his seat in the cathedra.

The installation was preceded by processions of civic and religious leaders and the deacons and priests of the diocese. It officially began with Bishop Brennan knocking on the ca-

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he said.

"Here we gather as Jesus' own people, and what does he ask of us? He asks us to walk with him. And walking with him to shine his light on those who live in the land of darkness. Who do you know right now to lead to that light? ...

"Your marriages, your families are the living witnesses to the power of God's fidelity and mercy and love. Your service offers the hand of Jesus' friendship to those most in need. Your witness toward life, the joy in which you live your life, transforms the world."

Turning his attention to the religious sisters and deacons in attendance, the new bishop said, "Your charisms reflect that light that you've lived out so generously and so joyfully. We'll get to know each other in the days and months ahead. You'll see how important the religious sisters and brothers were in my own life and the life of our thedral door, being greeted by Archbishops Pierre and Schnurr, and being given a crucifix to venerate by Father Michael Lumpe, rector of the cathedral. The bishop then sprinkled those around him with holy water.

This was followed by a procession of the bishops in attendance, including Bishop Campbell and his predecessor, Bishop James Griffin, who lives in the diocese in retirement.

The procession also included Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York; Rockville Centre's current bishop, retired bishop and three auxiliaries; and bishops from Ohio's other dioceses and 11 additional Roman Catholic dioceses located in New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Kentucky, Iowa and South Carolina.

Also in the procession were bishops from Byzantine Catholic eparchies in Parma, Pittsburgh, and Passaic, New Jersey; the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Parma; the Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago; and the Maronite Catholic Eparchy of Los Angeles. One priest friend of Bishop Brennan's came from Nigeria and flew back soon after the ceremony. The bishop said that to get to Columbus, his friend "spent more time in the air or on wheels than with his feet on the ground."

Cardinal Dolan made brief remarks at the end of the ceremony, thanking

the Diocese of Rockville Centre and the bishop's parents for their sacrifices and prayers that enabled Bishop Brennan to come to Columbus. "As I look out at the flock of the Diocese of Columbus, I can see that the Lord has answered those prayers," he said.

As Archbishop Pierre mentioned, the diocese has become much more ethnically diverse in the 14 years Bishop Campbell has been its spiritual leader. That diversity was recognized throughout the installation Mass, which featured prayers of the faithful in English and seven other languages. In addition, Spanish was the language for the second reading, an entrance hymn and a hymn after Communion.

family. We love you an awful lot.

"To the deacons, for we have a wonderful diaconate here in Columbus working together, how much I appreciate your service."

He then turned and spoke for several minutes to the priests of the diocese, who were seated behind the altar.

"I'd like to ask all of you if you would bear with me because I'd like to say a few words to the priests who are gathered here tonight," Bishop Brennan told the assembly. "Brothers, I am so happy to finally meet you. I am so happy to meet you. Thank you for your warm greetings, for your letters, notes. But thank you most of all for your priestly hearts, so close to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

"You know, for 30 years I've been part of the presbyterate of the Diocese in Rockville Centre, so proud to have been part of the presbyterate and the priests who have inspired me along the way. I'm so proud to be part of that. So now tonight I'm beginning a new journey as part of the presbyterate of the Diocese of Columbus. I'm so happy to walk among you, to walk shoulder to shoulder with you in the work of the Gospel.

"I don't know you. Fathers, we don't know each other very well, and yet we do know each other, because we walk the same paths at the same time. I know about you. I've heard about you. The people love you with all their heart.

"I know that you have had satisfaction in making a difference in the lives of people. I know you are all so uplifted and motivated when you see the power of God's mercy transform lives and lift burdens off people's shoulders. I know you have a zeal for the mission of the church. Your love, the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. ...

"I know, with you, sometimes, the frustration ... it feels like things fall on deaf ears. ... And yet I know with you there is something deeper, something stronger, something that motivates. ...

Thank you for walking that journey."

The bishop turned back toward the congregation and left its members with words from Pope Francis' exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*.

"Remember when he says faith means believing in God, believing that he truly loves us, that he's alive, that he's mysteriously capable of intervening," Bishop Brennan said. "... He brings good out of evil.

"Let's believe in that gospel. ... Let's be renewed in our joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and commit ourselves to the mission of bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to a world that so desperately needs to know him. Right? This world so desperately needs to know the joy and the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. ...

"We walk the adventure together. Let's ask the Lord to nurture that seed in us and to help together as the church of Columbus to announce the good news. Jesus is walking among us."

Solemn Vespers ended with a final blessing from Bishop Campbell and a Marian antiphon, *Ave Regina Caelorum*.

the clergy and faithful people of the parishes of Western Scioto County Our Lady of Sorrows, West Portsmouth Most Holy Trinity, Pond Creek and Our Lady of Lourdes, Otway joyfully and prayerfully welcome our new shepherd the MOST REVEREND ROBERT J. BRENNAN as the 12th Bishop of Columbus even as we also wish the MOST REVEREND FREDERICK F. CAMPBELL a peaceful retirement.

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'Energetic' Bishop Brennan urges confirman ds to reach

By Doug Bean

Catholic Times Editor

Bishop Robert Brennan wasted no time immersing himself in the Diocese of Columbus and experiencing its diverse landscape.

The day after Bishop Brennan was installed as the new shepherd of the Diocese of Columbus on Friday, March 29 at St. Joseph Cathedral, he headed to Zanesville St. Nicholas Church for his first confirmation, then returned to Columbus for a Sunday confirmation at St. Dominic Church.

Between confirmations, he squeezed in an 8 a.m. Sunday Mass at Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr Church, where a parish with a strong Latino influence welcomed a new bishop who speaks Spanish, the parishioners' language.

On Monday evening, he visited Columbus St. Patrick Church for another confirmation. His busy schedule continued with more confirmations for the rest of the week.

In a few short days, Bishop Brennan made his first trip to a parish outside the metropolitan Columbus area and got a firsthand look at urban and suburban parishes. He appeared to love what he witnessed.

"This is better than the installation," Bishop Brennan said after the confirmation at St. Dominic.

If first impressions are any indication, he impressed the parishes with his enthusiasm and joy in serving the Lord.

"He seems like he's very energetic.

He seems like he's really excited to be here," said Bruce Wolff, a parishioner at St. Dominic, whose granddaughter Madeline Teems was one of the six confirmands from the church and its sister parish, Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John.

The congregation filled St. Dominic for Sunday's Mass and confirmation. Many of the church's beautiful stained-glass windows are boarded over because of damage from an explosion across the street in June, but there was an unmistakable vibrancy among the parishioners as they celebrated the liturgy and watched six young people receive the sacrament.

"We want to show the bishop that we're not a struggling parish, but one that has been neglected in the past, and we're still building together," Wolff said. "It's a pretty diverse parish. I think we feel very positive about the future and St. Dominic here on the east side (of Columbus). We want to show him also the things we're doing here."

Bishop Brennan spoke directly to the confirmands during his homily and moved freely down the church's center aisle as the parishioners listened attentively and savored his humor. He even used some Brooklyn slang that drew laughs.

He began with the parable of the prodigal son, the focus of Sunday's gospel reading from St. Luke.

"Two sons. Neither of them knows what it means to be the beloved son of their father. Neither one gets it," Bishop Brennan said. "The young-

> er son turns to his dad and says 'Give me the inheritance.' How rude. How nervy. And how crazy the father was to give it to him. What was he thinking?

what, he does. So the father gives this guy his wealth. He's like a first-century version of an ATM. He spends the money. You know the story. He comes back to his dad and says 'Please forgive me.' He doesn't say 'I'm sorry.' He does say 'I've sinned against God, and I've sinned against you.' He went back and said 'I no longer deserve to

going to come in.' God came to welcome others. Jesus ... God living among us. God is with us. God came to walk among us, to invite us in and to make us come in. And Jesus contin-



Bishop Robert Brennan speaks at a confirmation ceremony on Sunday, March 31 at Columbus St. Dominic Church. The confirmation class also included parishioners from Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church. It was his second confirmation ceremony in two days since becoming bishop of Columbus, with one more the next day. He visited Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr Church earlier on March 31. CT photos by Ken Snow

be called your son, but give me a job.' He doesn't know what it means to be loved, and yet he is loved.

"But if you don't think he knows how to be a loving son, neither does the other one. Filled with jealousy and even hatred, he's out there working. He's out there day after day, doing his part. Good man. But, man, can you taste the bitterness?"

That's not the end of the story, though. Bishop Brennan emphasized that God's mercy is "just ridiculous. It's beyond amazing" and explained how the parable relates to the modern world.

"Here you are saying 'Yes, I believe," the bishop said. "Stand up for who you are and what you believe. Good people, you've committed yourself to a relationship with Jesus Christ as you prepared for confirmation. It's not because of what you've done that you're here today. It's not because of the work you did, but it's who you are, daughters and sons of God. Beloved daughters and sons of God. Beloved children, daughters and sons of God.

"Friends, there are too many people on the outside looking in - by their own choice, maybe, or maybe because they've been hurt by their own brothers and sisters. But it's the love of God that brings us here, God's own love that he pours out through the Holy Spirit.

"You see, God just didn't sit up in heaven and say, 'Let me see if they're

ues to walk among us, to carry our burdens, to share those burdens with us."

At confirmation, the bishop anoints each recipient, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are imparted upon those who receive the sacrament.

"I breathe my spirit into you. I want to be so close to you that I want my very own spirit inside you," he said. "Jesus is saying 'I want to be that close to you.' So no matter what happens in life – I wish I could say life was going to be easy - but you will never, ever, ever be alone. You will have this Holy Spirit in you saying 'You are a beloved son of God the Father. You'll always, always be this close to God."

Bishop Brennan, who told the assembly that he was confirmed and later ordained by the same bishop, continued with more advice.

"God sent his spirit among you today because he wants us to be close to someone who's struggling," he said. "And maybe through you, you can bring the spirit to that person. We need you to bring that sense of joy, hope and courage. ... We're ambassadors of Jesus Christ, carrying the gift of the Holy Spirit. At the table, at the altar, you get to meet him, truly present, to bring Jesus to the world.

"The church today is better, not because I'm here. The church is better off today because there are six young





Saturday, March 30. The confirmation class included young people

from both of Zanesville's Catholic churches.

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people – generous, talented, committed young people who are now open to receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit and now will be fortified and strengthened with that gift of the Holy Spirit. So it's not only you, not only your gifts, your talents, your generosity that's going to transform the world. It's the Holy Spirit. The church is blessed.

"Today took a lot of courage and a lot of generosity. God wants to do great things with you. I just pray that you will show the same courage, the same generosity and respond to all the ways that God calls you throughout your life that you showed courage and generosity today."

Near the end of the Mass, when the newly confirmed explained how African symbols they had chosen relate

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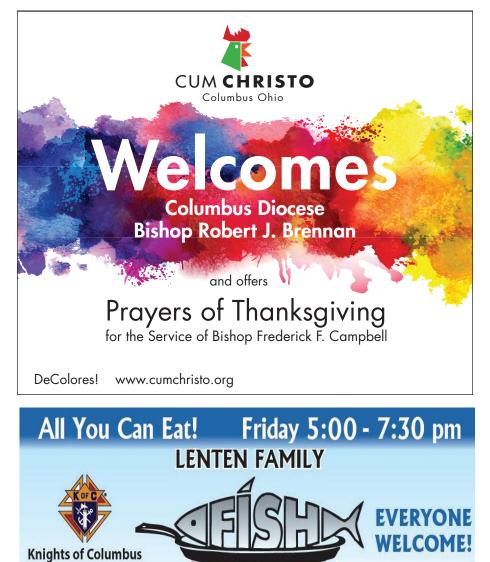
to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Bishop Brennan came from the altar and sat in a pew to listen before returning to his chair to impart the final blessing.

At St. Nicholas, Bishop Brennan encouraged young people from the parish and Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church with a similar message, but also related a story about an Olympic athlete who was favored to win a gold medal but, while leading a race, suffered a serious injury.

Rather than being carried away on a stretcher, he decided that he was going to finish the race. And so he got up off the track and began hobbling toward the finish line. Seeing what was happening, his father came out of the stands to assist him.

"So why am I telling you this story on confirmation day?" the bishop

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asked. "Hosea, in today's first reading, made a very solemn promise to the people. They had lost their way, almost as if they had fallen and were lying on the track. They had become prideful following their desires, seeking their own way, and their lives had started to unravel. So Hosea says 'God will come to you. God will come to you.'

"You see, here's the thing: God, our Father in heaven, looks on us as his children of the human race, and he says, 'Look at this. They're falling. They're suffering. They're hurting. And I just can't remain up here in the stands and look out at them.' God says, 'No, I gotta get down in there.' And God comes to us in a very particular way through Jesus Christ, right?

"He's not just a memory from a history book. Jesus is alive today. God wants to walk with you in the light – the light of the Father and Son. He wants us to be able to lean on him. And through Jesus, God sends us his Holy Spirit so he can be with us. Even from within.

"And today through the sacrament of confirmation, you will have an in-

NEW BISHOP, continued from Page 2

trip to St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for another confirmation.

The new bishop faces a rigorous schedule for the next two months that includes not only many confirmations but also Holy Week services, meetings and visits to various sites throughout the diocese.

If the enthusiasm the bishop exhibited at the installation is any indication, he will be up to the task and then some.

He expressed his desire to connect with as many people as possible to get to know the diocese better. From credible encounter with Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ wants to get into your heart, into your soul."

As Bishop Brennan did at St. Dominic, he encouraged the newly confirmed as part of their mission to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

"Who do you know in your life who might have fallen? Who do you know in your life who may feel like they've lost their way? Who do you know in your life right here, right now, who could use a helping hand?" he asked. "A word of encouragement, somebody to say 'I've got your back.' A word of thanks.

"Today, God is sending the Holy Spirit into the hearts of 25 young people right here in the city of Zanesville. God is now taking your natural gifts and fortifying you with his own spirit, animating you, opening your eyes, setting your hearts into motion, to know what it really means to respond to his will. We're so much better off because now, God's Holy Spirit is going to do great things with you.

"The world so desperately needs you to be joyful, credible witnesses for Jesus Christ."

those who have met him so far in Columbus, the reaction has been nothing but positive and supportive.

Expect to see Bishop Brennan, a man of the people, out and about in the coming weeks and months as the new shepherd of the Diocese of Columbus.

Welcome, Bishop Brennan, and be assured that many of the faithful will be praying for you.

The diocese is looking forward to your leadership as you follow in the footsteps of Bishop Campbell, Bishop Griffin and the other men of God before you.



Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Commit your life as witness to the Gospel



Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Philippians 3:8–14 John 8:1-11

How you look at the person in front of you makes all the difference.

Do you have the eyes of mercy or of judgment? Are you looking with an eye to your own benefit or with an eye to the needs of the other? Are you looking with a real choice of relationship or with disinterest?

Do you choose to see the person as one in relationship to you, or do you see the person as separate from yourself?

Jesus always looks with the eyes of mercy. In the Gospel, we are shown just how Jesus looks at sinners when He is charged before accusers to make a judgment against one who is guilty. He does not allow Himself to be motivated by the pressure put upon Him by the crowd.

One of the wonderful mysteries of Scripture left unexplained is what Jesus was writing on the ground with His finger. Several texts in the Hebrew Scriptures speak of God's finger doing some sort of writing.

At Sinai, the tablets of the Law are written by God's finger (Exodus 31:19) and Deuteronomy 9:10). In the Book of Daniel, a hand appears to write judgment against King Belshazzar (Daniel 5:5). Jesus Himself suggests that when the finger of God is present at an exorcism, then the Kingdom of God is among us (Luke 11:20). Whatever He may be writing in the ground, Jesus stands up to judge, and His judgment is mercy.

Jesus always chooses us. Jesus always invites us to follow Him.

We are called by a merciful and loving companion on the journey to walk with Him, to rebuild the Church and to commit our lives as a witness to the Gospel. How will you respond?

Sunday's Gospel reading has an in-

teresting background, textually speaking.

It is not included in the Gospel of John in the most ancient manuscripts, and when it does appear, its location is somewhat fluid. Nonetheless, the Church accepts it as authentic and truly Scripture, and we can be confident that it is a true account of an encounter Jesus experienced.

It does have a somewhat Lucan tone to it, so it is fitting that the Liturgy includes it as part of the Year C cycle, the year of Luke. In a world that is often confusing due to a tendency to rush to judgment, it offers a model for compassion.

While not condoning sin, Jesus nonetheless shows active mercy toward the sinner and invites bystanders to look at themselves before rushing to the condemnation of others.

Paul's letter to the Philippians presents Paul as one who has learned what it means to grow in maturity of understanding Christ. All else is regarded as loss in comparison to relationship with Christ. Striving for a greater maturity and persevering toward the goal of receiving the fullness of Christ is what life is about.

The promise of Isaiah is that God is at work creating a path through the desert for His people. We are called to open our hearts to mercy and to the joy of a living relationship with God: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

Alternate readings for the Third Scrutiny at Masses for this Sunday:

Ezekiel 37:14-14 Psalm 130: 1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8 **Romans 8:8-11** John 11:1-45

Year A readings, used at Masses when the Third Scrutiny is prayed over the members of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (the RCIA), highlight the power of Christ over life and death and the invitation to new life in Christ for all of us, both individually and as God's people.

Father Timothy M. Hayes is pastor of Columbus St. Timothy Church.

THE WEEKDAY **BIBLE READINGS**

MONDAY

Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62

TUESDAY Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 102:2-3,16-21 John 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY

FRIDAY

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Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Spectrum Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378). (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

Mass from Massillon St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m. on WILB radio (AM 1060, FM 94.5 and 89.5), Canton,

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We pray Week I, Seasonal Proper, Liturgy of the Hours.



Living 'I Do' - Weekly Marriage Tips

Finances are not the favorite discussion topic of most couples. Here are some ways to make it a productive conversation: Set aside a time (and separately from a date) for the discussion. Focus more on the value's behind the numbers than the amount after the dollar sign. Use this conversation to affirm your spouse's dreams, but focus on common goals.

Diocese of Columbus Marriage and Family Life Office

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN (Never known to fail)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in necessity. Oh, star of the sea, help me and show me herein, you are my Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your powers. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother. Oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee. (Repeat three times) Oh, Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hand. (Repeat three times) Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads that I can obtain my goals. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and in all instances in my life, you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days, after three days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor has been granted. DP

The high-priced spread, revisited

Readers of a certain vintage (say, older than 60) will remember the Imperial Margarine TV ad that dismissed butter as "the high-priced spread." That image came to mind rather unexpectedly when I was addressing the parents' associations of two prestigious Catholic prep schools several years ago.

No one threw a margarine-smeared dinner roll at me during my talk. The question-answer session, however, was full of contention when I said that a first-class liberal arts education at a college or university with a strong Catholic identity would prepare their sons and daughters for anything. Absolutely not, parents insisted. The kid had to get into Harvard or Stanford or Duke, or some other academic version of the high-priced spread, lest his or her life be ruined.

When I pointed out that undergraduates at so-called "elite" universities frequently are taught by graduate assistants rather than by senior faculty, the parents were unmoved. When I reminded them that few, if any, members of the philosophy departments at elite schools are convinced that there is something called "the truth," rather than just "your truth" and "my truth," they didn't budge. When I cited the experience of my daughters, who had gone to premier graduate schools and successful professional careers after attending a small, demanding Catholic liberal arts college, I was met



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with blank stares. When I asked why they were willing to spend north of a quarter-million dollars to send their children into a decadent environment in which corruption (chemical, intellectual, sexual, political or all of the above) was a real and present danger, the mantra continued: the kid must attend an elite school to have any chance in life, because that's where you begin to "network."

The morning after one of these events, I had coffee with several monks who taught at the school, who thanked me for trying to break the parental fever about elite universities. They too had tried, to no avail. Did I have any suggestions? Yes, I said. Next fall, give the parents of every incoming senior a copy of Tom Wolfe's novel I Am Charlotte Simmons. It's quite raw at certain points, I warned. But the story of how an idealistic, intelligent young woman who makes it into an elite school gets corrupted, first intellectually and then morally, ought to give pause to even the most overwrought parent.

I have no idea whether the monks

took my advice. I hope they did, if only for the shock Wolfe's prose would administer.

I was reminded of this absurd parental belief about the high-priced spread (university division) when federal prosecutors indicted 33 upper-tax-bracket parents for allegedly using various scams - bribes, fake academic records, imaginary athletic achievements - to get their kids into Georgetown, Yale, Stanford and other schools assumed to be essential ticket punches on the path to success in 21st-century America. The kids are, one hopes, mortified. The parents are in serious trouble. And the schools ought to be profoundly embarrassed, if embarrassment is possible in the politically correct animal house of elite American higher education today.

Fortunately, Catholic parents serious about real education and real formation have other options.

One of those options, the University of Dallas, just made an outstanding choice for its new president, selecting Dr. Thomas Hibbs, a first-class thinker who is also a committed Catholic, an able administrator and a leader. Tom Hibbs joins a gallery of other Catholic college and university presidents - among others, John Garvey at the Catholic University of America, Michael McLean at Thomas Aquinas College, Stephen Minnis at Benedictine College, Timothy O'Donnell at Christendom College, Msgr. James Shea at the University of Mary and James Towey at Ave Maria University - who are leading a renaissance in Catholic higher education. Their schools and others seek to prepare students for any post-undergraduate endeavor by giving them a firm grounding in the liberal arts, Catholic faith, the experience of Catholic community, and public service. And they succeed.

I don't doubt that, with some careful curricular navigation, by seeking out like-minded Catholic peers and by getting involved in a vibrant Catholic campus ministry, well-prepared young people can survive, even flourish, at elite schools. I teach some of them every summer. But a sheepskin from those schools is not essential to a fruitful life, and Catholic parents should resist blowing incense to the totem of the high-priced spread (university division), not least in light of this latest scandal.

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PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

ANTHONY, Christopher, 69, March 24 St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

AREJOLA, Dr. Thomas, 72, March 29 St. Joseph Church, Dover

BERNARDO, Mary D. (Buzzelli), 97, March 27 Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

BEVINGER, Donna (Brandt), 66, March 19 St. Mary Church, Lancaster

BLUBAUGH, Julia E. "Betty," 97, March 23 Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

CONNOR, Barbara (Sugar), 89, March 27 St. Catharine Church, Columbus

DeBRUIN, Patricia P. (Parham), 62, March 30 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake

DORSEY, Thomas M., 62, March 27 St. Bernard Church, Corning

FANDREY, Daniel R., 77, March 24 St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

FEHN, Joseph F., 89, March 26 St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

HICKS, Madeline (Butler), 93, March 30 Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

MacDONALD, James A., 81, March 28 St. Stephen Church, Columbus

MARCKET, Dorothy (Epifano), 92, Dec. 25 St. Rose Church, New Lexington

MARCUM, Margaret M. (Beresh), 104, March 23 St. Patrick Church, Columbus

MOLEA, Nellie J. (Zalewski), 86, Jan. 13 St. Peter Church, Columbus

ORSINI, Patricia M. (Ross), 86, March 24 Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

OVERHOLSER, Lawrence D., 72, March 27 St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

SANDERS, Billy R., 57, March 25 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

SCHIFF, Molly (Hamrick), 60, March 23 St. Joseph Church, Circleville

SCHULL, Toni A. (Hunter), 73, March 19 St. Mary Church, Lancaster

SEIPEL, Margaret M. (Colopy), 47, March 29 St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

SHERMAN, Mary F. (Davis), 93, March 26 Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

SHIPKA, Robert J., 81, March 23 St. Matthias Church, Columbus

SPIRES, Richard L., 95, March 24 Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

STEPHENS, Dolly M. (Bernard), 102, March 25 St. Leonard Church, Heath

TINNIRELLO, Barbara (Enama), 99, March 29

St. Joseph Church, Dover

URSE, Marianne, 43, March 23 **Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis** Center

WYCINSKI, Sally A. (Wood), 85, March 21 St. Rose Church, New Lexington

DeSales presents 'Beauty and the Beast'

The Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School drama department invites you to "Be Our Guest" at its production of Beauty and the Beast at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13 and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14 in the little theater at the school, 4212 Karl Road.

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benefit the school drama department.

John E. Dorrian

Funeral Mass for John E. Dorrian, 80, who died on Monday, March 25, was celebrated on Friday, March 29 at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born on Oct. 3, 1938 to Hugh and Anna (O'Flaherty) Dorrian. He was a graduate of Columbus Holy Family School, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, and the University of Notre Dame and earned a master's degree in education administration at Ohio State University.

He was a teacher at St. Charles, Columbus Bishop Watterson and Delaware Buckeye Valley high schools, coaching baseball, basketball and foot-

Ann Hansen

Funeral Mass for Ann N. Hansen, 91, who died Thursday, Feb. 28, was celebrated Friday, March 8 at Columbus Holy Family Church. Burial was at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Newark.

She was born on Sept. 15, 1927 in Newark to Albert and Mary Elizabeth (Schaus) Hansen.

She was a graduate of Columbus St. Mary of the Springs Academy and attended Denison University and the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University), where she received a bachelor of arts degree with a major in history and a minor in biological science in 1948. She received a master of arts degree in history from Ohio State University and a bachelor of letters degree in history from Oxford University in England. She also studied at the University of Oslo, Norway, and held one of the three Oxford places at the Institute of Historical Research of the University of London.

ball, then worked for the state of Ohio, and was a computer programmer with CAC in Columbus for 28 years.

He was a member of the Shamrock Club of Columbus, taught adult immigrants to read, and prepared tax returns as an American Association of Retired Persons volunteer. He played baseball at Notre Dame and continued to be active with local recreational baseball teams for many years after graduation.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother; Michael; and sisters, Sister Mary Macrina, RSM, Julia and Nora. Survivors include a brother, Hugh (Janice); sisters, Mary Pulsinelli and Marge Fadley; and many nieces and nephews.

She was an instructor at the College of St. Mary of the Springs, Berea (Kentucky) College, and the University of Dayton, and taught in England for a year. From 1954 to 1958, she was a reporter for The Columbus Dispatch.

She received Ohio Dominican's first distinguished alumna award in 1981, was a member of the Friends of the Pontifical College Josephinum, and served on its board for several years. In 2000, she was invested at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral with the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

She also was president of the Delta Chapter of Phi Delta Gamma and of the Columbus branches of the National League of American Pen Women and of the English-Speaking Union, and was a member of the Phi Alpha Theta history honor society and the Ohioana Library Association and a longtime volunteer at the Granville Historical Society.

Audrey C. Johnson

Funeral Mass for Audrey C. Johnson, 85, who died on Tuesday, March 26, was celebrated on Saturday, March 30 at Columbus Holy Spirit Church.

She served as the parish's secretary for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl. Survivors include her children, Tim (Darla), Clay (Tina), Scott (Karen), Kelly (Jonathan Edwards), Brett, Patrick (Darcy), and Darin (Andrea); 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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5750 N. High St., Worthington FISH DINNERSH DINNER: REG \$9; SMALL \$7 **MACARONI/CHEESE DINNER \$7** SIDES: CLAM CHOWDER, MAC/CHEESE \$2 DESSERTS \$1 Dine In, Drive Thru & Carryout



4-5, THURSDAY-FRIDAY 33 Hours of Adoration at Resurrection

From end of 9 a.m. Thursday Mass to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Reservation chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. 33 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration in honor of Jesus' 33 years on Earth. Also on Thursday and Friday, April 11 and 12. **614-390-9385**

5, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday

Eucharistic Adoration at Columbus St. Peter 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. First Friday Eucharistic adoration in day chapel

First Friday Masses at Holy Family 9 a.m., 12:15 and 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Friday Masses in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club 12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting, with talk titled "Have Faith in Education" by diocesan school Superintendent Adam Dufault. \$10 donation requested. Living Stations at St. John Neumann 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Living Stations of the Cross presented by high school youth. Byzantine Litturg of Presanctified Gifts 7 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, a Vespers service with Holy Eucharist. 614-882-7578 Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction around 11. All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday.

5-6, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Cristo Rey Presents 'The Exonerated' 7:30 p.m., Cristo Rey High School, 400 E. Town St., Columbus. Staged reading of The Exonerated, a play about six wrongfully convicted death row survivors. Admission is a donation to Metropolitan Community Services-TOUCH.

5-7, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Watterson Presents 'The Addams Family' 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School drama department presents the musical The Addams Family. 614-268-8671

6, SATURDAY

Fatima Devotions at Columbus St. Patrick 7 a.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass, followed by devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, preceded by confessions. YCP Retreat at Jubilee Museum 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. Retreat sponsored by diocesan Young Catholic Professionals group. First Saturday Devotion at St. Joan of Arc 8:30 a.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Mass, followed by rosary in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, concluding with Fatima prayers. Mary's Little Children Praver Group

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Cur Lady of the Miractious Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888 'Christ Alive in Our Marriage' Retreat

9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Parish life center, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City/ "Christ Alive in Our Marriage" retreat for couples in their 20s and 30s in their first five years of marriage. Cost \$25 per couple, including lunch and snacks. Concludes with Mass. First Saturday Mass at Holy Family 9 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus First Saturday Mass Columbus. First Saturday Mass for world peace and in reparation for blasphemies against the Virgin Mary. 614-221-4323, extension 329 Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for

Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City 9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

Centering Prayer Group Meeting 10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-512-3731 'Conversations With My Molester'

7 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. "Conversations With My Molester," a presentation by priest sexual abuse survivor Michael Mack, followed by a discussion with Mack and clergy. 614-291-4674

7, SUNDAY

Exposition at Our Lady of Mount Carmel 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday during Lent. 740-928-3266

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education 10 to 11:20 a.m., Cafeteria, Trinity Catholic School 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Ohio Dominican University history professor Kathleen Riley speaks on "The Berrigan Brothers and the Peace Movement in the 1960s."

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry 2 to 4 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Third meeting of six-week support group sponsored by Seasons of Hope bereavement ministry for those who have lost a loved one, sponsored by North High Deanery. Contact rose.daiga@gmail.com. Prayer for the Nation at St. Matthew 3 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Monthly Holy Hour of prayer for the nation, including the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the rosary. 614-471-0212

Sung Vespers at Cathedral 4:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Sung Vespers with the cathedral choir. 'The Wild Goose Is Loose' at Christ the King 5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Lenten preparation program featuring The Wild Goose Is Loose DVD series on the Holy Spirit with Father Dave Pivonka, TOR. Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter 7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish, with confessions from 6 to 7. 706-761-4054 or 614-294-7702 Compline at Cathedral

9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.,

Columbus. Chanting of Compline, the Catholic Church's official night prayer. 614-241-2526

8, MONDAY

Rosary at St. Pius X 6:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Rosary for the sick of the parish and all who are ill. 614-866-2859 Evening Prayer at St. John Neumann 6:30 p.m., Adoration chapel, St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Evening Prayer led by Deacon Carl Calcara. **740-965-1358** Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry 6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of church). 614-718-0227, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

Diocesan Honor Choir Concert

6:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. 11th annual diocesan honor choir concert, featuring students from 12 diocesan schools and the Ohio Dominican University choir

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study 7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday's readings. 'Pivotal Players' Series at Seton

7 to 8:45 p.m., Herrmann Hall, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road North, Pickerington. The story of St. Francis of Assisi, part of Bishop Robert Barron's Pivotal Players video series.

8-10, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

Parish Mission at Columbus St. Patrick 7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Parish mission with Father Clement Dickie, OP. Theme: "Dying in the Light of Christ." Parish Mission at St. Joan of Arc 7 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Parish mission with William Heyer, architect for several diocesan churches. Theme: "Understanding Sacred Architecture.

9. TUESDAY

Calix Society Meeting

6 p.m., Panera restaurant, 4519 N. High St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Preceded by 5:30 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church, across street from meeting site Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee. EnCourage Ministry Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m., EnCourage, an approved diocesan ministry for families and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. Confidentiality is maintained. Call for site. 614-296-7404 Abortion Recovery Network Group 7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has

been through a recovery program. 614-721-2100 'Angels 101' at Marion St. Mary 7 p.m., Moira Hall, St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St., Marion. "Angels 101" program with Deacon Todd Tucky. 740-382-2118

10-14, WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY

Three Bags Full Consignment Sale 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (selected items half-price Friday night and Saturday), Hartford Fairgrounds, 14028 Fairgrounds Road, Croton. Three Bags Full sale of children's consignment items. 614-561-5300



Palm Sunday -

April 13th (Saturday) 4:00 p.m. Mass April 14th (Sunday) 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

2:00 p.m. - Organ Concert in church, followed by reception 8:00 p.m. - "King of Kings" (silent movie) in church with organ accompaniment

Monday of Holy Week - April 15th - 8:30 a.m. Latin Mass Tuesday of Holy Week – April 16th – 8:30 a.m. Latin Mass Wednesday of Holy Week - April 17th - 5:30 p.m. Latin Mass 9:00 p.m. Tenebrae (chanted in Latin)

Holy Thursday -

April 18th - 9:00 a.m. - (Latin) Mass 7:00 p.m. – (English) Mass of the Lord's Supper 9:00 p.m. - Tenebrae (chanted in Latin)

Good Friday -

April 19th - 9:00 a.m. - Good Friday Liturgy (Latin) 3:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion (English) 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross 9:00 p.m. – Tenebrae (chanted in Latin)

Easter Vigil -

Saturday, April 20th -

7:00 a.m. – Traditional Easter Vigil Latin Mass 8:30 p.m. - Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Baptism, Eucharist and Mass

Easter Sunday – April 21st

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Mass in Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord



BUSINESS MANAGER – ACCOUNTANT POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Peter Roman Catholic Church in north suburban Columbus is seeking a full-time Business Manager and Accountant able to start at the beginning of June 2019. The new hire would enjoy a month of mentoring by the retiring Business Manager.

In brief, the Business Manager and Accountant administers all parish business operations, including payroll, employee benefits, personnel and office management, bill paying, cash flow management, bookkeeping, collections, insurance programs, financial statements and budgets; attends meetings with the Parish Finance Council; oversees the computer network and assists the pastor in making parish policies.

The Business Manager must have strong management and accounting skills, flexibility and aptitude in order to handle diverse and simultaneous duties. To perform this job successfully, an individual should have knowledge of Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Outlook and QuickBooks and the ability to learn the diocesan payroll system. Excellent oral, written communication and human relations skills are essential.

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in accounting or finance and management experience. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Send resumes, with references, to the Business Manager, Mike Luis, C.P.A., J.D., at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE) POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Peter Roman Catholic Church in north suburban Columbus is seeking a fulltime Director of Religious Education (DRE) able to start at the beginning of June 2019. The new hire would enjoy a month of mentoring by the retiring DRE.

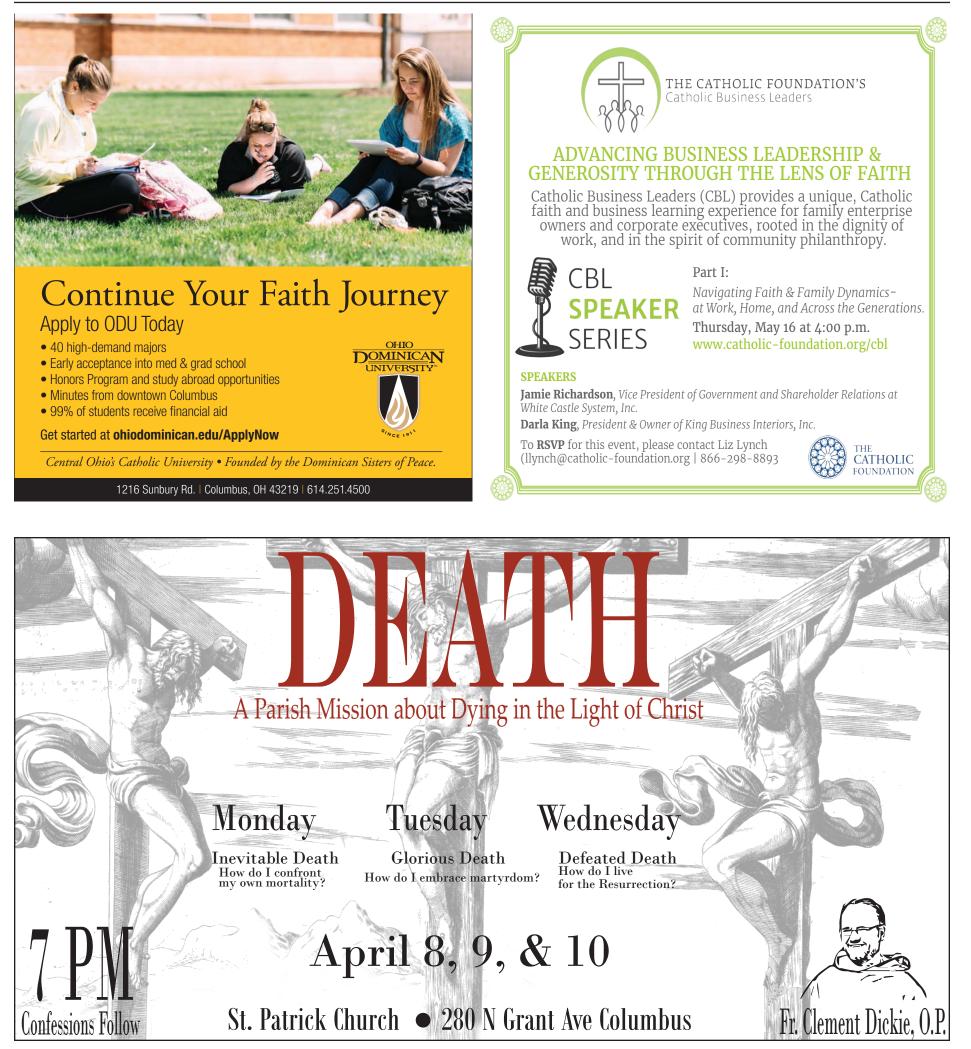
St. Peter has 2,500 families, with about 500 children and teens enrolled in our Parish School of Religion (PSR) and RCIA teen program. The DRE is responsible for coordinating the elementary, junior high, and RCIA teen programs; planning and organizing for First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, and the Confirmation Retreat, including associated liturgies; directly supervising individual coordinators; securing and training volunteers; budgeting and calendar prepa-rations; writing weekly newsletters and bulletin articles; overseeing meetings of categolistics running PSD registration and Vacation Pible School (VDS) registration. catechists; running PSR registration and Vacation Bible School (VBS) registration; and making PSR policies in conjunction with the Pastor.

Hours are Monday through Thursday, 34-40 hours a week when PSR is in session (which includes two evenings a week) and 28-30 hours a week outside the school terms

Applicants must have either a master's degree in Theology (M.A., M.Div.) or Education (M.Ed.) or a bachelor's degree in Theology or Education, and a minimum of three years' experience administering a Parish School of Religion. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Send resumes, with references, to the Director of Religious Education, Maureen Luis, Ph.D., at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235.





The Good Friday Vigil with the Holy Virgin



3:00pm Veneration of the Cross 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Vigil with Our Lady begins Confessions offered from 7pm—12 Midnight Vigil Concludes at 10:00am Holy Saturday Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary prayed every hour

Holy Family Church 584 West Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215